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The Board of Pardons & Paroles is attentive to the concerns of Thomasville residents. We also realize that these concerns arose several months ago because of a previous incident. We have been working diligently with the State Finance and Purchasing Departments to increase security measures at the L.I.F.E. Tech facility as requested by Thomasville Mayor Sheldon Day and Governor Ivey. We recognize that the delay in obtaining the necessary state contracts for these measures has been inexcusable to the people of Thomasville and surrounding communities and their leaders. Over the last 24 hours, we have been working diligently with State Finance and Purchasing Directors under the supervision and approval of Governor Ivey to respond urgently to these concerns.

As of today, GPS electronic monitoring equipment and service has been purchased and will be available to add an additional layer of security to our L.I.F.E. Tech Thomasville re-entry facility within the next 7-14 days. Formal approval of a full perimeter fence for L.I.F.E. Tech has been obtained. We expect this project to move to construction very soon. These purchases have been made possible through the immediate assistance of these departments and Governor Ivey's swift approval to get necessary contracts completed through special emergency procedures. The concerns of Thomasville and surrounding communities are our primary focus as we work to bring these new security measures online as expeditiously as possible.

Our agency's leaders will be accessible to Thomasville leaders throughout this process in the days and weeks ahead as we work together to address citizen concerns.

Finally, we will continue open communication with the Governor's office and each of these departments to prevent the occurrence of similar delays in the future.